

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) An insertion device trajectory system, comprising:
 ~~a reflecting element; and~~
 an energy source for producing an energy path in a direction ~~toward the reflecting element and~~ away from ~~an~~ a medical insertion device ~~wherein the reflecting element reflects the energy path toward the energy source~~ thereby indicating any trajectory correction required for the insertion device; and
 a mechanism by which the energy source can be attached to the insertion device.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 further comprising:
 a surface for indicating a trajectory of the energy path.
4. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source comprises a light source.
5. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source comprises a LED.
6. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 4 wherein the energy path comprises a directed light, and wherein the attachment mechanism is adapted to direct the light towards a reflecting element.

7. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 6 wherein the surface is positioned so that the light directed towards the reflecting element is visibly identifiable on the surface.
8. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the energy source is permanently secured to the insertion device by the attachment mechanism.
9. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1 wherein the insertion device comprises a workpiece attached to a distal end of the insertion device, and wherein the attachment mechanism is configured so that the energy path from the energy source is coaxial with the workpiece.
10. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 9 wherein the workpiece is a percutaneous needle.
11. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 1, further comprising:
a visual indicator for indicating a trajectory of the energy path.
12. (New) The insertion device trajectory system of claim 6 wherein the reflecting element comprises a reflective radiolucent material.
13. (New) A medical alignment device, comprising:
an energy source located on an insertion device wherein the energy source produces an energy path, wherein the energy path is reflected by a reflecting element; and
a surface for indicating a location of the reflected energy path, so that the proximity of the reflected energy path to the energy source indicates any alignment correction required for the insertion device.
14. (New) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the energy path emanates from the energy source in a direction away from the insertion device.

15. (New) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the reflecting element comprises a reflective radiolucent material.
16. (New) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the energy source comprises a light source.
17. (New) The medical alignment device of claim 13 wherein the insertion device comprises a needle.
18. (New) A method of aligning a medical insertion device, the method comprising:
generating an energy path from an energy source located on an insertion device;
and
reflecting the energy path so that a proximity of the reflected energy path to the energy source indicates any alignment correction required for the insertion device.
19. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the energy path emanates from the energy source in a direction that is away from the insertion device.
20. (New) The method of claim 18 further comprising operating the insertion device through a driver.
21. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the insertion device comprises a needle.

REMARKS

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter new claims 3-21.

As a result of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all the claims in the Application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.



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